

## SHOULD HE GET A NEW LIVER?

**J**AMES EARL RAY, right, who is serving a 99-year prison term for killing the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr., is taking to the airwaves to try to find a replacement for his failing liver. He is in a Tennessee prison hospital suffering from cirrhosis, a scarring of the organ that can lead to liver failure. His brother, Jerry Ray, said his brother's age (68) and inmate status make it unlikely he would get a liver through the usual channels. Many states, however, permit direct donation, in which a liver is earmarked for a specific recipient.



**WRITE US.** Does Ray, as an ailing human being, deserve a liver transplant, or did he forfeit such consideration when he pleaded guilty to shooting King?

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